

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF VACCINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of quantity of vaccines required alongwith their availability in the country at present;
- (b) whether there is shortage of vaccines in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to import vaccines in the country to meet their shortage;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to meet the requirement of vaccines in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a): The details of requirement and availability of vaccines under the Universal Immunization Programme during the current year is Annexed.
- (b) & (c): There is no shortage of vaccines at present under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) in the country.
- (d): No.
- (e): Not applicable in view of the reply to part (d) above.
- (f): To meet the requirement of vaccines, procurement is made from Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) as well as indigenous private sector units through a competitive bidding process.